Phrasal Verbs about Hobbies

A. Read the text about someone's hobbies and underline ten phrasal verbs.

When I was in high school, I took part in a band. It all started because my friends and I played instruments and when we used to hang out, we would play some of our favourite songs together. My best friend came up with the idea of starting a band, which I was keen on. I played in the band for five years but once I started university, it was hard to keep up with the practice sessions so I had to give it up. Throughout university, I didn't have much free time so I took up a few small hobbies just for fun. I did some photography and scrapbooking, which I really enjoyed because now I have a lot of memories from my university days. I still do some photography on the side but I've always been into music and I missed that part of my life. I've had a bit more time now that I've graduated university so I convinced myself to get back into music. I decided to have a go at electronic music because, like photography and scrapbooking, I can do this hobby on my own time around my work schedule.

B. Write down the ten phrasal verbs from the text in the present tense and then match each one with a suitable meaning.

1.	a. to try
2.	b. to restart
3.	c. to participate
4.	d. to be interested in something
5.	e. to start
6.	f. to spend time with people
7.	g. to think of / create an idea
8.	h. to continue to do something
9.	i. to quit
10.	j. to be interested in something

C. Brainstorm and write down a list of ten hobbies.

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2.	7. .....
3.	8. .....
4.	9. .....
5.	10. .....

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D. Use the hobbies from Exercise C to write answers to the discussion questions below. Repeat the phrasal verbs in your responses.

1. Which hobbies are you keen on trying?

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2. Which hobby would you like to take up the most? Why?

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3. Which hobbies have you taken part in?

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4. Which hobby would be fun to do while hanging out with friends?

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5. Which hobby would you like to have a go at?

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6. Is there a hobby that you've given up in your life that you would like to get back into?

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7. Which hobby do you think would be the most difficult to keep up with? Why?

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8. Which of the hobbies are you least into? Why?

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9. Which hobby would you most likely give up shortly after starting it? Why?

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10. What excuses have you come up with in your life for not starting a new hobby?

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E. Now, discuss the questions and answers in small groups.

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